

Elizabeth Mull—who met her future husband at a church revival in Lenoir City—was “100 percent his eyes,” Hutchison said.

“Everywhere they went, she drove him; she led him everywhere.” She also read the Bible to the Rev. Mull.

As a young man, it was sometimes Hutchison’s job to guide his grandfather to the microphone to emcee the gospel concerts he promoted.

During the 1970s and early ’80s, the Rev. Mull presented 60 to 75 concerts a year throughout the Southeast, Hutchison said.

More recently, “Mull Singing Convention” concerts have been limited to two per year at Governor’s Palace in Sevierville.

During his broadcast heyday in the 1960s and ’70s, the Rev. Mull was heard on a network of powerful radio stations that carried his preaching and concerts coast-to-coast.

Family vacations were rare, said Hutchison, who said his grandfather “believed in work.”

Once, however, the family took a trip to the Bahamas, and a waiter at a restaurant instantly recognized the Rev. Mull’s voice when he ordered a meal. The Bahamian was a regular listener to the “Mull Singing Convention,” which reached the islands via New Orleans radio station WWL.

J. Bazzel and Elizabeth Mull were inducted into the Gospel Music Association Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Southern Gospel Music Association’s Southern Gospel Hall of Fame.

The Rev. Mull presented top Southern gospel acts at his concerts, including fellow Hall of Fame members the Chuck Wagon Gang. Hutchison said his grandfather discovered the group, moving it from Texas to Knoxville.

Like his good friend Cas Walker, the millionaire grocer and politician who died in 1998 at age 96, the Rev. Mull truly achieved the status of icon in his home region.

Most longtime Knoxvilleans have a J. Bazzel Mull story to tell, or at least have uttered a gravelly “Ain’t that right, Mizz Mull?” at some point in their lives.

The Rev. Mull had personality, his grandson said. “He loved to laugh and he loved to preach. And he would mix the two. He’d tell a joke to break the ice, then he would preach to you before you knew what happened.”

That voice the Rev. Mull’s extended neighbors knew so well and loved to imitate was naturally his own, his grandson said. “He never smoked; he never drank, nothing. That was just his voice. And it was very distinctive.”

WJBZ will pay tribute to the Rev. Mull all this week. Listeners and gospel music artists will share their memories on air.

The funeral service will be Thursday at Mann Heritage Chapel, 6200 Kingston Pike.

Receiving of friends will be 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., with a service following. The Revs. Mike Ramage and Dino Bray will officiate.

The burial service will be 11 a.m. Friday in Lenoir City. Internment will be at Lakeview Cemetery at Lenoir City Park.

“It’s hard to be sad for him at 91,” Hutchison said of his grandfather’s death. “The sorrow is for us, the joy is for him. He can see now and the first thing he had ever seen was the face of Jesus.”

TRIBUTE TO OBERLIN COLLEGE

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Oberlin College and its

distinguished African American alumni during the October 6-8, 2006 reunion of the Oberlin College Alumni Association’s affiliate group, the Oberlin Alumni Association of African Ancestry. The reunion entitled, “And We Rise! . . . Celebrating over 170 years of the Black Presence at Oberlin College,” acknowledges the historic and present contributions of Oberlin College and its illustrious African American alumni toward the establishment of a world and a nation based upon the principles of social and economic justice.

We commend Oberlin College for its remarkable role in fostering higher education among African Americans and we encourage Oberlin’s African American alumni to keep engaged with their alma mater to ensure that future generations will have educational access to develop the skills needed to address the complex challenges that face our people and our Nation in the days ahead.

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR INTER-RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING AND DIALOGUE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution calling on the people of the world and their religious and political leaders to work towards ecumenical understanding and interfaith dialogue.

Usually, it is not my habit to address religious issues on the floor. I strongly believe in a person’s right to religious freedom, as well as the separation of church and state. However, due to recent incidents in various parts of the world I am deeply concerned about the apparent lack of religious respect and tolerance. Therefore, I could not stand by without introducing this resolution.

Not just Christians and Jews, but also Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and the followers of many other religions believe in values like peace, respect, tolerance and dignity. These are values that bring people together and enable us to build responsible and solid communities. I strongly believe that this is what religion is, or should be about. People all over the world share these universal values.

While few religious leaders and scholars would doubt the commonalities that exist among the various religious groups, the followers of these religions unfortunately struggle in their effort to peacefully coexist. It is my impression that too often, the differences in belief are stressed instead of their common grounds. Too frequently, religious feelings get hurt—sometimes intentionally, but more often, unintentionally.

In the last few weeks, we have again witnessed a lack of mutual understanding and misled reaction. These recent events have shown that even religious leaders are sometimes prone to lacking the adequate sensitivity in dealing with other people’s beliefs. The reaction to this incident on the other hand was definitely disproportional, which indicates that the situation was used for political reasons.

The specific incident I am referring to is this: His Holiness Pope Benedict’s debatable statement about the prophet Muhammad at a German university two weeks ago and the fol-

lowing unrest in parts of the Arab world. The subsequent unrest resulted in the murder of a nun in Somalia and the burning of churches in the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned that many regions of this world are suffering from the effects of armed conflicts with religious aspects. I believe that the differences of faith are not the real reason for these conflicts. As a matter of fact, religious differences are actually exploited to convince people to participate in primarily political conflicts.

Given the fact that most religions share basic values, it is most unfortunate that religious people can be played off against each other so easily. One possible reason for this may be that people do not know enough about other people’s beliefs.

This resolution encourages the peoples of the world and their political leaders, including the ones in our country, to learn about their neighbor’s beliefs.

I am convinced that religious and spiritual understanding plays a positive role in facilitating trust and overcoming political differences.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution expresses our assistance for all projects that support a productive and constructive inter-faith dialogue. I know that there are people here in the States and in many other countries of the world, working hard on this issue. I am aware of the fact that some of them risk their political and social credibility or even their lives. All of them deserve our deepest recognition.

Moreover, I want us to urge political and religious leaders, and all peoples of the world, to move forward in a conciliatory spirit, to deal with religious matters in a responsible and balanced way, and to focus on their common grounds.

We all know that there will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions, and we also know that there will be no peace among the religions without a dialogue among the religions. To support this dialogue and to show that we are conscious of its importance, I ask you to support this resolution.

A TRIBUTE TO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Holy Family Catholic Community parish in Glendale, California. In 2007, Holy Family will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Holy Family Catholic Community was founded in 1907, in Glendale, California by Father James O’Neal. The parish originally consisted of only 15 members, who met for weekly services in residential homes. Today, the parish proudly counts over 4,000 families in its membership.

The Holy Family Catholic Community is committed to emphasizing education for the young people of the community. The parish operates both a high school and a grammar school, and hosts annual fundraising events in order to fund quality education for its students. For over a decade, Holy Family High School has sent 100 percent of its graduating seniors

on to college. Over 45 percent of Holy Family High School students receive tuition scholarships from the parish, allowing them to take advantage of the excellent educational opportunities provided by the school.

The Holy Family parish has been served by many distinguished and dedicated pastors throughout its history. From 1975 to 1995, the community was served by Monsignor Arthur J. Lirette who has also acted as Chaplain for the Glendale Police Department, State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and Episcopal Vicar of the San Fernando Region. Since 1995, Father Joseph P. Shea has served as head pastor of Holy Family, following a six-year stint as the Director of the Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

To celebrate the occasion of its centennial, the Holy Family parish has undertaken a mission of spiritual and physical renewal. The theme of the anniversary celebration is "Jubilee," in honor of an ancient Judeo-Christian tradition, in which all people cooperate to restore the world to its original state of justice, equality and beauty. Jubilee years mark a time of renewal, fellowship, and forgiveness. The Holy Family parish will be participating in a series of spiritual retreats, as well as renovating its church building, in honor of this tradition.

I am proud to recognize the centennial celebration of the Holy Family Catholic Community in Glendale, California, and I ask all Members to join me today in honoring this parish.

APPLING COUNTY, GEORGIA,
RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 14
AND UNDER BOYS ALL-STAR
BASEBALL TEAM—STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, the Appling County, GA Recreation Department's 14 and Under Junior Boys All-Star team (Hunter Williams, Tate Carter, Joseph Livingston, Colby Griffin, Michael Norris, Todd Hagen, Kyle Hardwick, Ryne Powers, Tyler Avera, Zack Griffis, Ryan Taylor, Cale Turner, Scott Fariss, Kasey Kersey, Coach Jeff Williams, Coach Jay Powers) traveled to Fitzgerald, GA on July 12th to participate in the 2006 BGPA Junior Boys Class "C" State Tournament.

The 4-day tournament was a double elimination tournament. The first game, Appling had to play Union County from District 7. Appling jumped on them quickly and "Run-ruled" them in five innings, with a 9 to 0 final score. That moved Appling on to play Thursday against Adel-Cook County from District 3. Appling played the whole game behind until the bottom of the seventh inning, when it tied the game up and forced it into extra innings. In the eighth inning, Appling scored one run to end the game. That moved Appling on to play for the undefeated game against Bowdon County from District 4 on Friday morning.

Bowdon beat Appling in 2005 for the championship, but this time would be a different story. The game began with Appling scoring 1 run in the top of the first inning. Neither team scored in the second inning, and in the third inning, Appling scored 1 and held Bowdon scoreless. In the fourth inning, neither team

scored, so after four innings the score was 2 to 0 in favor of Appling. In the top of the fifth inning, Appling scored three runs and when Bowdon got up to bat, they scored four runs, making the score 5 to 4. The sixth inning went scoreless, and then Bowdon scored 1 run in the seventh inning to tie the game. The Bowdon team had the bases loaded with no outs, but Appling County fought on and kept them from scoring another run. The game went into extra innings, and in the top of the eighth inning, Appling scored 3 runs. Bowdon then came in to bat in the bottom of the eighth and went scoreless—making Appling the State Champions! It was an enjoyable tournament and the Appling County Recreation Department is very proud of the team.

TRIBUTE TO LEE COLLEGE

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, residents of Chambers County and Baytown, in my Congressional district, who currently lack high-speed internet access, will soon be able to obtain an extremely reliable high-speed internet service comparably priced to DSL. This is due to the efforts of a consortium consisting of Lee College, Chambers County, Chambers Liberty Counties Navigation District, East Chambers Independent School District, and Trinity Bay Conservation District.

The consortium began working on the project in 2000, after the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund board authorized Community Network Grants in order to fund internet access for underserved areas. Lee College applied for a \$500,000 grant on behalf of the consortium. The consortium was one of the few groups that were awarded the full grant of \$550,000—the amount applied for plus a 10% match by the consortium.

Among the technical challenges facing the consortium was constructing four 150-foot towers, wiring ten buildings, and coordinating with the governmental agencies involved. Once those challenges were resolved, the consortium faced the challenge of finding a company to maintain the system. Fortunately, the consortium was able to contract with TeleShare Communications Services.

TeleShare was looking for opportunities to expand, and, according to Mark Ocker, TeleShare's president, "... the opportunity to use an existing network by partnering with Chambers County and Lee College came up, and it proved to be a great match for both TeleShare and the consortium."

I am pleased to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations and thanks to Lee College and all the members of the consortium for their efforts to improve the lives of the residents of Chambers County and Baytown.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOBILE WORKFORCE STATE INCOME TAX FAIRNESS AND SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2006

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Fairness and Simplification Act of 2006. The issues addressed by this legislation impact many thousands of individuals and businesses every year in our country. My purpose in introducing this bill is to begin a discussion on these important issues.

In today's economy, many individuals are required to travel outside of their state of residence to engage in business. Most of these trips are for a brief duration as the employee works in a non-resident state for a short time and then returns to his/her state of residence. Despite the brief presence these individuals may have in non-resident states, many states impose a personal income tax on individuals and a corresponding withholding obligation on employers. States currently have widely inconsistent standards for such individuals to file non-resident personal income tax returns, and inconsistent requirements for employers to withhold income taxes on these employees.

Concerns have been raised that the vast majority of individuals are not aware of these varied state filing requirements. Concerns have also been raised that many employers do not have payroll systems that track employee travel and are consequently required to incur extraordinary and inappropriate expenses to attempt to comply with these various withholding requirements.

A uniform, fair and easily administrable law to address these issues, including appropriate de minimis rules would appear to ensure that the correct amount of income tax is paid without placing an undue burden on individuals or employers. Any solution to these issues would continue to provide full taxation of an individual's wages in a resident state to the extent the resident state determines to impose an income tax on its residents.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENHANCED OPTIONS FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 21, I introduced the Enhanced Options for Health Care Act (H.R. 6154). This legislation allows critical access hospitals to use beds designated for critical access use, but currently not being used for that purpose, for assisted living services financed by private payments.

This bill will help improve the financial status of small rural hospitals and extend the health care options available to people living in rural areas without increasing federal expenditures. Currently, fear that rural hospitals will lose critical access status if beds designated for critical access are used for another purpose is